

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 63 through 72 leaving the following Claims 61 and 62 on appeal.

61. **(previously presented)** A collapsible support structure comprising a plurality of interconnected frame sections each comprising

first and second elongated rigid members each having first and second ends, said first ends of the first and second elongated rigid members being operably connected together to form a first flexible joint, and

a collapsible elongated member operably connected between the second ends of the first and second elongated rigid members, said collapsible elongated member having a rigid state and a collapsed state and comprising

a pair of rigid tubular members having a portion of an elongated flexible tensioning member extending through said pair,

a rigidizing member mounted to move along said pair, said rigidizing member being moveable into a position to engage each rigid tubular member when said rigid tubular members are essentially axially aligned to form the rigid state of the collapsible elongated member,

said tensioning member being operably connected between the second ends of the first and second elongated rigid members to form second flexible joints thereat, each said second flexible joint being operably connected to an adjacent frame section.

62. **(previously presented)** A collapsible support structure comprising a plurality of interconnected frame sections each comprising

a pair of elongated rigid members each having first and second ends, said first ends being operably connected by a flexible joint, and

a collapsible elongated member having a collapsed state and a rigid state, said collapsible elongated member including a pair of tubular members and an elongated flexible tensioning member extending through said tubular members and operably connected between the second ends of the first and second elongated rigid members and to adjacent frame sections to form at each second end a flexible joint.